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The Editor  
The New York Times  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Sir:

May I express my appreciation for the manner in which your journal wrote the story "Paris Paper Lists 32 as U. S. Agents" today. I am pleased that you did not repeat the names carried in the Paris publication. I agree with your judgment that the names themselves would have added nothing to the story, would have given worldwide circulation to what is otherwise local publication and would have increased the difficulties and dangers faced by Americans -- either correctly or incorrectly said to be CIA employees -- working abroad in the service of our country.

Sincerely,

/s/

W. E. Colby  
Director

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